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Common questions answered

By Col. Jan Swickard
60th AMW vice commander

I am tremendously proud of everything our deployed airmen are doing across the globe in support of our nation's war-the war of all freedom-loving nations-against terrorism. I am just as proud of those who remain here to take care of business and our families.

This week, though, I'd like to set aside our usual approach to recognizing some of Team Travis' shining stars to address some of the common questions and concerns I've heard from you in the turbulent weeks since Sept. 11.

When can we expect these short-notice deployments to end?

I realize that many of you had husbands, wives, parents and friends who had to leave home with barely a chance to say good-bye. We don't know right now when they will be back. I would like to tell you they will all come home tomorrow, but the fact is that most of them probably will be gone for much longer. America and those countries who stand with us need them to do what they have been trained to do, and before the first plane left our runway, the message from our leaders was clear: this will be a marathon, not a sprint.

That being said, please trust me when I say we are examining all our options to bring our men and women back home when that's possible. Some with family emergencies already have returned, and others have stepped in to fill the gap. As the duration of the deployment lengthens, we'll need to move people forward who are rested and ready to continue the fight. Your interest is my interest: to see everyone who has left Travis return home safe, as soon as possible after their work is done.

Where are our deployed people? Are they safe?

The events of Sept. 11 showed beyond a doubt that our enemies want to strike out against those who wear the uniforms that symbolize America's strength and our commitment to the principles of a free society. In that sense, none of us are completely safe. The people we have deployed, though, left here backed by every resource America could mobilize to protect them: the training, technology and toughness that have

made us the great power that tyrants and extremists throughout the world fear and despise.

To better ensure the safety of your loved ones, the best thing you can do is not discuss or speculate about where they are, how many people are with them or any other details about our military operations. Our enemies don't have million-dollar satellites or spy planes. To guess what we're up to, they just look around: they watch television and read newspapers and hang out in places where they can talk to you or someone who's talked to a friend of a friend of yours. So don't help them by giving away a piece of the puzzle that tells them where to look or what to expect even if you've seen somebody else take a shot in the dark on the nightly news.

How can I get in touch with someone who is deployed, or send something that person needs?

We have unclassified mailing addresses for most of our deployed locations, and our unit commanders, first sergeants and spouse organizations are working to assemble and deliver care packages for our airmen. Talk to them if you want to make a contribution. We are working to get regular phone and e-mail connections for those people who do not have it, but in the meantime talk to your shirt or commander if you need to pass along information or well wishes to our deployees. Once those connections are in place, though, remember that they usually are not secure communications, so don't talk about things or encourage an airman to talk about things that could put him or others at risk.

What do I do if I'm already receiving bills I can't pay or have other problems at home?

You have an entire family support network that is here to help you. Make full use of the experience, advice and assistance that can be offered by our first sergeants, chaplains, Family Support Center, lawyers, finance office, hospital, child development and school-age programs. If you don't know who to talk to, ask, and if you can't get the right answer, tell me. The worst thing you can do is suffer in silence.

Is the base safe?

I could make the base completely safe by sending all the people and planes away and

locking the gate. We won't do that, though, because America needs us right where we are. So the best we can do is be vigilant and take all reasonable precautions to make Travis a hard target that terrorists will want to avoid. Unless we need to, we won't check everyone's ID everywhere all the time. When we do that, we wind up stranding people off base who should be here carrying out our mission, and the terrorists have won. Or we deny our family members, retirees and veterans the essential services and freedoms they enjoy, and again the terrorists have won.

What we will do is make security extremely tight at different places across the base in unpredictable ways. If the gate guard waved you through today because you had a sticker, she may want to see your ID or even inspect your vehicle tomorrow.

To help us keep you safe, we need your full cooperation with these security measures. We also need all of you to be our extra eyes and ears: look out for people or things that seem suspicious or unusual, and immediately report them. We're fortunate this week to be joined by members of the 349th Security Forces Squadron who are reinforcing their active-duty partners. These citizen-soldiers are only one line of defense, though. Force protection is everyone's job.

Am I safe if I live or work off base?

The military people engaged in Operation Enduring Freedom are just a small part of the public and private resources our country is devoting to your safety at home. Will evil people still be able to accomplish evil things? Some of them will; we cannot expect violence against innocent people to vanish from the face of the earth. Many more people, though, will be captured and punished, or



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forced to abandon their plans.

While you may never hear about the successes, everyone will see the failures again and again on videotape, and it will be hard not to be afraid or paranoid. You should be cautious and vigilant. Definitely let us know right away if your family is being threatened or harassed. But don't dignify the twisted objectives of terrorists by cur-tailing your own freedom and living in fear.

In declaring America a new nation, Thomas Jefferson described us as a people devoted to "life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness." Terrorists see themselves as martyrs willing to sacrifice life, liberty and happiness to impose the tyranny of their narrow principles. It is a flawed philosophy, doomed to fail, which is why their violent acts are also acts of suicide and desperation.

As America and our many allies make our stand against terrorism, some people who wear the uniform and some people who don't may lose their lives. We may endure minor inconveniences to our personal freedoms, or the temporary sadness of loss or separation. But the world doesn't need us to be martyrs. We need people committed to live life as freely and happily as we can.

America and America's First Choice were doing fine before Sept. 11, we are doing fine now and-with faith and courage-we will do just fine through what-

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ON THE COVER: Dawn and her three children pass the time while the children's father is deployed. Learn how families are coping with the ops tempo at Travis on page 3.

Football Frenzy winner delivers

By Brent Ruddell
60th Service Squadron

When Jane Smith was contacted by the 60th Services marketing office and told she was the first winner of the Delta Breeze Club's Football Frenzy U-Pick'Em Contest, she said she couldn't claim her prizes because, "I have to go deliver a baby."

Smith, who got all but one of the NFL game picks correct, was scheduled to go to David Grant Medical Center for a planned cesarean section and would have to postpone picking up her winnings. Smith's baby, Grace, was delivered Sept. 21.

After mother and child were discharged from the hospital, the Smith family was finally able to enjoy their winnings - four passes to Scandia Fun Center in Fairfield and a free large two-topping pizza from the Travis Pizzeria delivered to the DBC and topped off with VIP treatment during Monday Night Football.

Smith's method of picking winners, which would put a major television network's NFL pre-game show analyses to shame, was interesting if not scientific.

"Half of it was guessing and half of it was knowing which city had a decent team," Smith said. "My husband made fun of my picks at first, but then he said, 'I think you might've won.'"

But, when completing U-Pick'Em's tie-breaker Monday Night Football pick between the New York Giants and Denver Broncos, Smith displayed even more interesting rationale.

Smith came up with a combined score of 48 between the two teams. The actual number of points scored in the Monday contest Sept. 10 was 51 points (Broncos 31, Giants 20).

How did Smith get so close?

"I gave each team 24 points," Smith said. "It seemed reasonable at the time."

You can get in on Football Frenzy fun and action too. Simply fill out a



Courtesy Photo

(From left to right), Jane Smith, her infant daughter Grace, son Christian, age 5, husband Alex and son James age 3.

Football Frenzy form, printed weekly in the Tailwind. Forms are also available at the Pizzeria, Bowling Center or DBC. Winners will be announced in the following week's Tailwind.

For more information, call 437-3711.

SPORTS SHORTS

Youth football, cheerleading

The Youth Center is accepting applications for its football and cheerleading programs. Age divisions for football are 6 to 7, 8 to 9, 10 to 12 and 13-15. Age divisions for the cheerleading are 6 to 7, 8 to 9 and 10 to 12. Cost for both programs per child is \$40 through today. An additional \$5 late fee will be assessed after that. Sign-ups will still be accepted after the start of the season. Late registrants may be placed on a waiting list pending team openings. Entrants placed on the waiting list don't have to pay until placement. For more information, call 424-5392.

Bobby Sox meeting

Bobbie Sox Softball is holding a board meeting Tuesday at 7 p.m. in the Travis Pizzeria. Board members will be selected and attendees will be discussing the 2002 season. Board positions available include president, vice president, secretary, treasurer, player agent, umpire and chief, and field maintenance. For more information, call Michelle Maddox at 437-4220.

AF women's soccer team shuts out competition — 'no one comes close'

Story and photo by Army Spc. Zack Shelby
Fort Eustis Public Affairs

FORT EUSTIS, Va. — The Air Force blanked its competition to win the Women's Armed Forces Soccer Championship here recently.

The Air Force lived up to the service's motto of "no one comes close" during the week-long tournament by winning all six of their games by shutout and outscoring the Army, Navy and Marines by a combined 24-0 score.

Everything seemed to fall into place for the champions.

"We were fairly confident that this was the best team we had put together in years," said goalkeeper Stephanie Jardine from Little Rock AFB, Ark. "We had an excellent training camp at Pope Air Force Base in North Carolina."

It did not hurt that Jardine has played alongside her two outside defenders — Marie Clapmeyer from Lajes Field in the Azores, and Paige Henning from Los Angeles AFB, Calif. — for the past six years.

"They are the staple of our team and they (played) excellent," Jardine said.

And she was especially pleased with the effort of marking back Alexis Simollardes from Pope.

"Lexi gives us (everything she has) all day long," Jardine said.

Besides superior individual play, the Air Force prided itself on a team concept during their championship run.

"We always had a total team effort for 90 minutes," said Meghann McNiff from Hanscom AFB, Mass. "We were able to bring anyone off the bench and give the starters a fresh wind."

"There were no weak links on offense or defense," she said.

At the awards ceremony, Col. James D. Sharpe, Jr., 8th Brigade commander, said the spirit, competition and teamwork displayed by all the players "was truly symbolic of our nation, especially during this tragic time."

"There was some kick-butt soccer out here," Sharpe said. "Every service represented themselves and their country very well."

An Air Force soccer player pushes the ball past a trio of Marines during the Women's Armed Forces Soccer Championship held at Fort Eustis, Va. The Air Force's defense did not allow a goal during the week-long tournament.



Horse trials coming to Travis

60th Services Squadron

It's time for horse lovers to mount up for the Equestrian Center's Fall One-day Horse Trials Oct. 14 at 9 a.m.

The show will feature events that will challenge both rider and horse in a variety of disciplines. The events are dressage, arena jumping and cross-country. There is no charge to view the competition.

In the dressage event, the horse is judged on the harmonious development of its physique, the ability of the horse to appear calm, supple, confident, attentive and keen and must display a perfect understanding with the rider. The horse and rider will also be judged on freedom and irregularity of paces and lightness and ease of movements. This event is sometimes described as "dancing with your horse." Competing in the dressage event is the result of months, and in some cases years, of hard work in the saddle.

In the arena jumping category, horse and rider will be required to navigate a course of jumps of varying heights within a set time limit with no faults or penalties. Penalties are charged when a horse refuses to jump an obstacle, knocks an obstacle down, or if the time limit is exceeded as result of a fall, for example. The riders score, or placement, is decided by the best completion time with the fewest penalties for faults.

The cross-country event is a true test of a rider's abilities and the condition of his or her horse. The course consists of hills, gentle slopes and flat terrain with natural fixed fences made of logs, poles and brush which mimics the natural obstacles a horse and rider might encounter on a ride in the country during a fox hunt or steeple chase.

"The rider must learn the course before hand because not all of the jumps will be in the day's competition," show coordinator Angie Phillips said. "The Travis Equestrian Center's course has over 30 possible obstacles and 15 to 20 of these obstacles can be included in the competition." This is a timed event, but the rider must be closest to the optimum time, not the fastest time. Rider and horse will receive penalties for falls, refusals and going off course.

Scores for all three events will be combined to determine the winners. Awards will be given to competitors of different skill levels and age groups.

"Spectators are more than welcome to come and join us for this exciting show," Phillips said. "The Equestrian Center plans to hold these events twice a year, in addition to our regular English and Western schooling shows."

The next schooling show is scheduled for the first weekend in November.

For more information, call Barbara Brewer at 424-1278.



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On the home front *Coping when the spouse is away*

By TSgt. Scott King
60th AMW Public Affairs

To say the least, the tragic events of Sept. 11 have had an enormous, worldwide impact on families, to include those right here at home.

In the wake of the attacks, many Travis personnel have deployed, leaving their loved ones behind to cope with unanswered questions like: Where is he? How long will he be gone? Is he okay? When will I talk to him?

Upon notification, Travis shifted to high gear and aided in the humanitarian efforts at the Pentagon and in New York. Travis is now using its personnel and resources to assist in Operation Enduring Freedom.

"It's been real nerve-racking not knowing where he is and if he's okay," said Tenille, wife of Jon, a heating ventilation and air conditioning technician. "I never thought in a thousand years he could possibly be in a war."

They have known each other eight years, were high school sweethearts and have rarely been separated.

"We're constantly together, I feel like half of me is missing," Tenille said. "When he was told to pack his bags, I went numb. I've never had a feeling like that before."

Her friends and work have been helping her and their 23-month-old daughter, Amaya, out a lot.

"People at my work always call to see if we're doing okay," she said. "It also helps when I talk to my friends. Knowing I'm not the only one going through this ordeal makes it a little less painful."

It's not just civilian family members being left behind as their loved ones deploy, but active duty members as well are affected.

"I'm used to being separated from him; however, this situation is completely different," said Cyndi, a first sergeant at Travis. "There are a lot of unknowns."

Not knowing how long her husband's going to be gone or when the country is going to war is troublesome for her.

"Frank is also a first sergeant,

so he usually has a pretty structured TDY schedule," Cyndi said. "We always know when and how long we're going to be separated. It's obviously not possible in this situation, but we all have a job to do and I'm sure he's real busy."

He's my best friend, we spend all of our free time together," she said. "Not having him here is difficult because we always talk about our work days and the various issues first sergeants deal with."

She's sure of one thing: their time apart is allowing her to focus more on the people in her unit and the base. During this time of national crisis, people need first sergeants to talk to, Cyndi said.

"I'm glad I can be there for people and help them out," she said. "I'm sure my husband's doing his part at his deployed location. I hope he's doing okay."

Taking care of three young children is not easy with two parents. One mother on Travis is taking this on by herself. Dawn's husband of seven years, Ryan, a C-5 pilot, is also deployed in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

"The fact that your husband could be in a war is just not something you think about on your wedding day," Dawn said. "I really never thought it would happen."

"I knew because he is an Air Force pilot it would keep him away from home a lot, but it's gut-wrenching knowing Ryan is away this time and could be in danger," she said.

Their three kids, Ry, Reed and HannahBeth are doing well considering the situation.

"I keep them pretty busy, and I try to be cheerful and positive with them," Dawn said. "We really miss him. He's usually not gone this long, so they know something's going on. It's tough, but we have wonderful neighbors, a great church and a rock-solid support system."

"This whole situation is hard to deal with," she said.

"But Ryan and I firmly believe that these attacks on the United States need to be answered, and we're proud to do our part for the country."

(Top left), Tenille and her daughter Amaya spend quality time together while daddy is away. **(Far left),** Cyndi helps to boost morale by handing out lollipops to one of her troops on the flight line. **(Left),** Dawn and her children, left to right, Reed, Ry and HannahBeth, play together in their yard. **Editor's note:** Last names and squadrons were not used in this story to protect the privacy of the families.

NEWS NOTES

Official mail

All mail weighing more than 11 ounces going to either international or APO addresses must have a customs form attached to it before sending through BITZ. All mail leaving the United States borders weighing more than 11 ounces must have a Postal Service Form 2976, and all mail weighing more than 16 ounces must have a PS Form 2976-A. Mail arriving at BITZ without the required forms will be returned to sender. For more information, call 424-2607.

Housing office saves money

New technology is coming to Travis. Compact fluorescent light bulbs are being offered to housing residents to help Travis save money and energy. The CFL bulbs last up to 10 times longer than the standard bulb and use 75 percent less energy but provide the same high quality light.

The military member or spouse can pick up five bulbs at the U-Fix-It Store, Bldg. 5569, near the youth baseball fields from the hours of 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and 4 to 6 p.m. Monday to Friday or 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturdays. Residents can use the bulbs anywhere in their base home. Residents must sign for the bulbs and agree to leave the bulbs when departing Travis.

One year ROTC program

The One-Year Professional Officer Course-Early Release Program will be back for fiscal year 2003. This program is open to enlisted active-duty personnel who are able to complete an undergraduate degree or one year of a graduate program and AFROTC classes by Sept. 30, 2003. The One-Year POC-ERP program will host two boards. The first deadline is November 1 and will allow selected airmen to begin the program in January. The second deadline is March 1, 2002, for a fall 2002 start date. If selected, airmen will separate from active duty losing military pay and benefits. All selectees will receive a monthly allowance from AFROTC, and some may receive scholarship benefits if certain criteria are met. Minimum Grade Point Average and Air Force Officer Qualifying Test scores apply. Airmen interested in exploring options through this program need to call 424-3444 to schedule an appointment with an education center guidance counselor.

AC shutdown

Seasonal air conditioning systems base-wide will be turned off so heating systems can be brought on line. Civil Engineering will be accomplishing the shutdowns during the week of Oct. 8. For more information, contact civil engineering service call at 424-2575.

Travis' Air Force Aid Society ready to lend helping hand

By A1C Alice Moore
60th AMW Public Affairs

Service members and families can rest assured their local branch of the Air Force Aid Society here is available to lend a helping hand.

"We look at each case individually," said Betty Biegaj, Air Force Aid Society officer.

The aid society offers emergency assistance for service members, education grants and community programs, said Biegaj.

Under Air Force Aid's emergency assistance program, service members are able to receive assistance in purchasing airline tickets to fly home in the event of an emergency, she said.

Some of the community aid programs that are at Travis include grants for up to \$3,500 to help with basic funeral

expenses upon death of active-duty dependants, aid for basic living expenses, phone cards for deploying members and car-care funding.

Biegaj assures all of the community programs implemented by Air Force Aid Society are available at Travis.

"We've been able to offer a lot of programs here being such a large base, each time a new program is set up by the Air Force Aid Society, we try to bring it to Travis."

During 2000, the Air Force Aid Society at Travis received \$352,456 in assistance. Biegaj said the total assistance was used to fund the various programs offered on base.

MSgt. Lucinda Matteson the superintendent of Air Force Aid Society here expressed her viewpoint on the need for programs such as Air Force Aid.

"One of the best parts of this program

is that we're here to help service members handle unforeseen circumstances," she said.

Matterson continued to add especially, due to recent events it's helpful for families to have a place to go.

The programs here can help to ease stress for service members and their families, she said.

All enlisted members needing Air Force Aid assistance must first contact their first sergeant. All officers must go through their commander.

The Air Force Aid Society is located at the Family Support Center building and the hours of operation are 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Mon. through Fri. The number is 424-4339.

In the event of after-hour emergencies service members should contact the American Red Cross toll free at (877) 272-7337.

Travis' Air Force Aid Society programs

Child care for PCS: Members of all ranks within 60 days of PCS arrival or departure from Travis may receive a certificate from the Family Support Center Relocation office. The certificate authorizes up to 20 hours of child care per child at licensed family child care homes on base.

Car care because we care: The program provides an 18-point safety inspection and oil and the lube for the family's primary vehicle when sponsor is TDY over 30 consecutive days or serving remote a tour. Travis enhancement: Spouse of member TDY over 90 nonconsecutive days in a calendar year may receive one voucher in a calendar year from the first sergeant or commander. First-term airmen within 30 days of first duty station assignment at Travis receive a voucher in the newcomer's financial management briefing at the Family Support Center.

Give parents a break: Air Force Aid pays for care at the Youth Center for older children, and the Child Development Center for younger children. For families who are experiencing unusual stress. Agencies on base which can provide referrals are family advocacy, medical professionals, chaplains, first sergeants and family support center. The class is held four hours on the first and third Saturdays each month.

Nursing mom's program: Provides six months breast-pump rental or half of the purchase costs for active-duty Air Force families in the Family Advocacy's New Parents program. Eligibles include 1st and 2nd Lieutenants, E6 and

below with specific medical need. Family Advocacy refers families for this program.

Child care for volunteers: The program provides limited child care expenses for volunteers in programs supporting the Air Force community, such as the Family Support Center, Red Cross or other organization not in resale.

Respite care: This program for families with a chronically ill family member in the Exceptional Family Member Program. Family Advocacy makes referral and recommendation for assistance. AF Aid pays for a few hours per week of care to help the primary caregiver get a little time away from constant caregiving.

Bundles and books for babies: Classes are held quarterly, in January, April, July and October. Active duty AF families of any rank who are in their third trimester and who attend a program at the Family Support Center are eligible. Plastic shrink wrapped bundles of baby items include a crib blanket, towel set, wash puppy, and two each of: receiving blankets, sleep-n-play sets, white booties, onesies and a stuffed toy with AFAS logo. A Time-Life book, Your Baby's First Year, is included. Army and Navy personnel assigned to Travis may attend. Their gifts vary.

Phone cards: for deploying members, these \$20 cards are distributed by the Readiness Program Manager.

Funeral grants: Grants up to \$3,500, when needed, to help with actual expenses for basic funeral with dignity upon death of an active-duty dependent.

Travis extends global reach to Oakland

By TSgt. Scott King
60 AMW Public Affairs

To recognize the commitment of the Air Force and Travis during the current national situation and to further Air Force recruiting efforts, Travis will be showcasing the Air Force's appeal by performing pre-game and half time festivities at Sunday's Oakland Raiders game against the Dallas Cowboys.

The Travis Honor Guard will be opening up the game by presenting the colors.

"It's an incredible feeling performing in front of thousands of sports fans," said TSgt. John Saunders, Travis Honor Guard. "When we performed for the Oakland A's recently, all the fans chanted 'USA, USA, USA.' It sent chills down my spine. Representing the Air Force during times like this gives me a true sense of patriotism."

During half time, the Travis' Band of the Golden West Ceremonial Band will be per-

forming three patriotic songs to entertain the crowd.

"It should be quite a show when the Air Force comes to town," said Mary Barnes, Oakland Raiders stadium entertainment manager. "We're really looking forward to having them showcase their talents for us and the fans"

Travis is an active partner with most the regioning professional sports teams.

Throughout the summer, Travis personnel performed for the Oakland A's, San Francisco Giants and the Sacramento Monarchs.

The band and honor guard will be again be performing for the Oakland A's during their play-off opener against the New York Yankees Oct. 13. On Veteran's Day, the band, along with Air Force recruiting, will be featured during half time festivities when the San Francisco 49ers take on the New Orleans Saints.

Are you ready for some football?

Win two complimentary tickets to this Sunday's Oakland Raiders game vs. the Dallas Cowboys.

To win, you must be the first person in your category to visit TSgt. Scott King in the Public Affairs office Friday, dressed in Oakland Raiders or Dallas Cowboys team clothing, and correctly answer the following trivia questions.

1. Who is the Oakland Raiders career scoring leader? How many points did he score?

2. How many Super Bowls have the Oakland Raiders won? What years? Who were their opponents?

3. Who is the Dallas Cowboys career scoring leader? What high school did he set football records for?

There are two categories of competition: E-4 and below and E-5 to O-6, including Air Force civilian employees.

Note: You must attend the game, and pay for parking, food and beverages. Transportation and parking fees will not be provided.

Protecting that protect Aircrews America

By Michael T. Moseley
Daily Republic liaison

Called "the poor man's nuke," chemical and biological weapons have been a concern the Air Force has aggressively addressed for many years.

The unique problem with protection for Air Force flight crews is that the bulky gas masks and rubberized suits worn by ground forces would impede the mission, making flying difficult if not impossible.

Though the best in protective gear is available here at Travis, it is only as good as a crewmember's knowledge of its use. That's where people like SSgt. David Jewel and SSgt. Ray Tew come in.

Jewel is Travis' only Survival, Evasion, Resistance and Escape instructor. He and Life Support continuation instructor Tew, teach proper donning and doffing procedures for the Chemical Warfare Defense equipment.

"Things have changed drastically in the past few years," Jewel said, speaking about the advance in technology regarding CWD protection.

According to Jewel, comparing the old Chemical Biological Oxygen system to the new Aircrew Eye Respiratory Protection system is like comparing a musket to a rifle — they're both effective, but one is definitely better than the other.

"With the old MBU-13/P mask, you couldn't drink, you couldn't valsalva. With this one, you can do both," Jewel pointed out.

A valsalva maneuver is sometimes essential for aircrews. It is the ability to pinch the nose in order to "pop the ears" at high altitude. The new mask has a recessed area that allows this simple procedure to be accomplished.

The old mask required a crewmember with glasses to have a pair specifically fitted for the mask. The new one allows plenty of room for the wearing of ordinary glasses.

The new mask also has anti-drowning capabilities that the old mask did not have as well as an incorporated hood to protect the head against liquid agents.

"Sometimes the old hood would blow up in a high wind, leaving the neck exposed," Jewel said. "This one tucks inside the flight suit."

The protective suit has also been improved. The charcoal suit, instead of being worn under the ordinary flight suit, is now a flight suit in itself, reducing the heat factor and allowing a crewmember to wear it for a longer period.

Besides CWD protective gear, Travis also has the latest in bullet-proof and survival vests.

They are issued to all aircraft "going into harm's way," Tew said.

Travis crews are also trained in decontamination procedures, where crews are taught how to deal with liquid and vapor hazards.

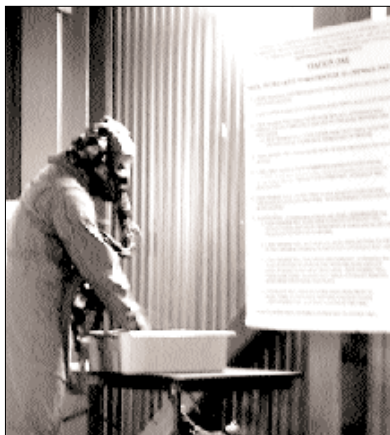
"Our mock-up is one of the best and we take it very seriously," Tew said.



Michael T. Moseley / Daily Republic liaison



(Top). Having already donned his protective suit, SSgt. David Jewel, with SSgt. Ray Tew's assistance, prepares to don the Aircrew Eye Respiratory Protection System. **(Above).** Tew assists Jewel in properly donning the new bullet-proof vest in conjunction with the newest survival vests issued to aircrews at Travis.



(Left). Decontamination procedures begin with "dusting" the hands in an absorbent material to remove any possible liquid contaminants. **(Right).** SSgt. Ray Tew assists in protecting an aircrew member's feet after doffing his flight boots in the Liquid Hazard Area.



ALS graduates Air Force's future leaders

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Kristian S. Cuyugan 349 MAS	Kimberly J. O'Neal 60 AMDS
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Burt A. Evans 660 AGS	Julian J. Cordova 660 AGS
David H. Eisenbrown 6 ARS	Robert I. Compton NWCSE
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Jason R. O'Donley 364 RCS	Samuel L. Vanderbogat 715 AMS
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Craig C. Hutchinson 60 MDOS	Vera A. Bonpua 55 APS
Jamie A. Yep 60 AGS	Elke E. Ah Leong 60 OSS
Jayen B. Patel 60 TRANS	Aida E. Tappan 60 DENTAL
TaRue L. Broady 60 MDOS	Damion J. Hankins 615 AMS
Sam C. Aubry 60 APS	Scott A. Steinhauer 6 ARS
Timothy P. Doss 715 AMS	
Matthew A. Brown 21 AS	
Joey R. Bryson 60 AMW	
Raymond L. Negron 60 CS	
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David L. Zakrzewski 60 LSS	
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Matthew A. Rose 660 AGS	
Jillian C. Swanson 60 SVS	

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SrA Joshua C. LaRoe
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SrA Joshua C. LaRoe
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SrA Christopher A. Thompson
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SrA Raymond L. Negron
Distinguished graduate
SrA Kimberly J. O'Neal
Distinguished graduate
SrA Michelle E. Sangalang
Distinguished graduate
SrA Phelan E. Miller

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Protect: Keep deployed loved ones safe; information security is the key

60th Communications Squadron

In order to best protect our forces at home and abroad, it's crucial that Department of Defense employees and their families limit the amount of information they pass to the outside world.

Imagine if a husband or wife called their spouse from a classified location and said, "Yeah, honey, I'm okay. I'm over here in 'Location X' with the rest of my squadron and I'm just fine."

The spouse, not realizing the importance of operational security, may relay that information to other squadron spouses. Eventually, the message is broadcast on the World Wide Web and intercepted by the bad guys, and "Location X" could very easily come under attack.

There was a saying during World War II many people might remember seeing on posters and bulletin boards with a picture of a sailor talking to his

girlfriend. The picture showed a little devil hidden in the background listening to what was being said. In big letters was printed, "Loose lips sink ships."

That saying still applies today, according to base Security Awareness Training and Education manager SrA. Miles Flinn.

"It's always hard to have family members in the military. And exceptionally hard to see them go to war at a moment's notice," said Flinn. "However, for the continued safety of our extended family here in the Air Force, it is very important that you don't tell people stuff that could lead to exceptionally dire consequences to members of the military."

Flinn said some good rules of thumb to keep your deployed military spouse safe include:

1. Always know who you are talk-

ing to. Make sure individuals identify themselves prior to giving them any information.

2. Never give out locations of where your military loved ones are deployed, not even to friends and family members.

3. Never provide someone the departure time or deployment location of your military loved one.

4. Be strong. It's very hard to be far away from someone you love, but limiting the amount of knowledge you pass to others will help see your loved one home safely.

5. Do not give information about your military spouse's squadron, office or job.

6. Report instances of multiple

attempts to access information, such as repeated attempts to find out what squadron your military spouse is assigned to.

7. Never give information such as number of aircraft or types of aircraft to anyone. If they need to know, they can find out through official Air Force channels.

8. Never provide how many personnel or supplies went with your spouse.

9. Never give information about the security posture your military spouse may be in.

10. Never give information about weather conditions where your military spouse may be deployed. This could be used to narrow down your spouse's exact location.

Refunds available

Education center working with students during difficult

By: A1C Alice Moore
60th AMW Public Affairs

The amount of active-duty members here who have withdrawn from classes has increased recently due to operations tempo, missions and deployments as a result of the events of the past few weeks.

The education center deals with approximately 10 active-duty members a week who no longer are able to attend school because of military obligations, said MSgt. Sam Watts, the Education Services superintendent.

Watts says the majority of active-duty members take advantage of the tuition-assistance program the Air Force offers.

Up to 75 percent of a service member's tuition is covered while he or she is on active-duty status. The remaining 25 percent is the service member's responsibility, said Watts.

Under normal circumstances, members who withdraw from courses end up having to repay the money granted. Watts says the education center is able to keep track of all individuals because grade reports are given each quarter.

Each fiscal year, service members are credited up to \$3,500 for tuition assistance, he said. Anytime assistance is used, the amount is deducted from the balance.

However, active-duty members who have to withdraw from classes due to longer work hours or deployments will not be penalized, said Watts.

Watts explained that in order for active-duty members not to be penalized all they

have to do is withdraw from their classes and provide the education center with a letter from their officer in charge or a direct supervisor as proof of having military obligations — whether it be deployment or operations tempo.

"I think it's a good idea," Watts said. "This allows our service members to be able to concentrate on carrying out their missions."

For the remainder of the costs each service member pays, the local schools here are refunding tuition money paid.

Chapman University also requires a letter proving military obligations as the reason for withdrawing, said Sherri Babcock, program manager of Chapman University, Bay Area.

After receiving the letter, the Chapman office takes care of the details in order for money to be refunded, she said.

Among the group of service members here, one airman in particular knows first hand the importance of being refunded tuition.

Jeff an airman at Travis who was enrolled in classes at Solano Community College when he was notified that he would be on immediate standby for deployment.

Jeff has been in the Air Force for the past three years and has been taking classes periodically for his degree in Mechanical Engineering, he said.

"I was a little disturbed, but I feel fortunate that I was able to get reimbursed," he said. "Now, I'm always ready to go help the cause."

For further information, contact the base education center at 424-3442 or 424-3446.

PCS briefings

The Financial Services Office is conducting military PCS briefings every Tuesday at 3 p.m. in Bldg. 381. If you are within 30 days of your PCS, attend one of the briefings.

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Donations restricted

Civilian blood drives on military installations halted

By Army Sgt. 1st Class Kathleen T. Rhem

American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — DoD officials have approved a policy to restrict blood drives by civilian agencies on military bases should the services need extra blood in coming months.

"The support required for an operation such as this may require us to ... conserve our donor resource in case we need them for specific support missions for the military," said Army Col. Michael Fitzpatrick, director of DoD's Armed Services Blood Program Office.

AFRTS Radio Report: "Implementation of new blood restrictions delayed"

Some bases may need to reduce blood drives by civilian agencies such as the Red Cross if they plan to increase military blood drives. Other bases may need to suspend civilian blood drives because deployments have reduced the available donor population, Fitzpatrick said.

A similar policy was enacted during Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm for the same reasons, he said.

No bases have actually begun restricting access to civilian agencies wanting to conduct blood drives, but several are considering it. Fitzpatrick said the largest post considering the move is the Army's Fort Jackson, S.C. Its 54,000 trainees per year, locat-

ed an hour from Dwight D. Eisenhower Regional Medical Center at Fort Gordon, Ga., make an ideal donor pool.

"We plan to collect more blood from trainees and recruits at Fort Jackson than we have in the past," he said.

Fitzpatrick seemed confident the move to restrict access to military installations wouldn't negatively affect civilian blood-collection agencies. "The civilian supply should remain stable," he said. "If needed, we believe that both DoD personnel and civilians would respond like they did the week of the attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon. The population has always responded in a situation like that if the call goes out for blood donors."

This is only intended to be a temporary move. "We'll monitor the blood supply and the restrictions. When it appears that we can loosen the restrictions, we'll do that," Fitzpatrick said.

DoD maintains a blood supply separate from that maintained by civilian organizations. There are several reasons.

"In order to make sure the Department of Defense isn't impacted by a possible blood shortage, we've always maintained our own blood collection system," Fitzpatrick said. "We also want to make sure we don't cause a shortage in the civilian system. Since we run our own medical support system, we've always felt that it's important to make that a complete system."

Blood donations still needed

By Army Sgt. 1st Class Kathleen T. Rhem

American Forces Press Service

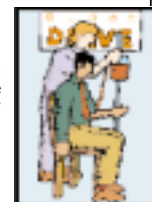
WASHINGTON — Troops wishing to give blood shouldn't be surprised if the donor center asks them to come back in a week or two.

"That just means we're trying to make sure there's a steady supply of blood available if we need it," said Col. Michael Fitzpatrick, director of the Armed Services Blood Program Office. Fresh blood products can be used for 42 days after collection, but individuals can only donate blood

every 56 days.

So, he said, an installation that holds a massive blood drive on one day could be in trouble if it needs large amounts of blood six to eight weeks later. Service blood program officers and installations try to prevent such problems by pacing collections.

"Right now, there's no need for a lot of additional blood," Fitzpatrick said.



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Travis Combined Federal Campaign in full swing

Courtesy article

Monday marked the beginning of the Combined Federal Campaign.

According to CFC officials, this year there are seven organizations dedicated to the Travis community that have been implemented from CFC funding drives. Those organizations are:

Travis Historical Society (CFC #3725)

The Historical Society helps fund and operate the Travis Air Force Museum with money and volunteers. Support includes: docent tours, aircraft recovery and restoration, gift shop operation and sales and fund raising. The society also promotes the study of Air Force history.

Travis Fisher House (CFC #3768)

This is a seven-bedroom hospitality home for families and loved-ones of patients receiving health care treatment at David Grant Medical Center. Accommodations are provided free of charge to those who qualify.

Travis Family Services and Airman's Attic (CFC #4153)

This volunteer program provides assistance to military families experiencing problems due to military separation, relocation, financial and other problems. The Airman's Attic helps Airmen with household necessities free of charge.

Military Community Healthcare Foundation (CFC #4167)

The foundation aids patients cared for at DGMCC and the adjacent Veterans Affairs Clinic through support of the Travis Fisher House.

Travis Youth Activities (CFC #4171)

Travis' youth activities offers a comprehensive program of sports and educational, cultural, social and community service activities for 2,861 children, ages 6-18 years.

Travis Community Activities (CFC #4172)

This program provides outdoor recreational opportunities for military members and their families as well as educating and promoting "esprit de corps", physical fitness and leadership skills.

Travis USO (CFC #4173)

The United Services Organization provides aid and support to traveling military families, including food and shelter, nursery facilities, a playground, laundry facilities, infant needs and travel information.

Now more than ever

The CFC campaign is scheduled to run throughout the month. For more information or to find out how you can contribute, contact your unit CFC representative.

Military Personnel and Immediate Family

To reach members of your family in times of emergency need, call the American Red Cross Armed Forces Emergency Service Center toll-free at (877) 272-7337.



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CHAPEL

Services

Catholic

Monday through Friday, 11:30 a.m., communion service or Mass, Chapel Center.

Saturday, 4 to 4:45 p.m., confessions, Chapel One.

Saturday Mass, 5 p.m., Chapel One.

Sunday Mass, 9 a.m., Chapel One.

Sunday, 9 a.m., children's liturgy of the Word, Chapel One.

Sunday Mass, 12:30 p.m., Chapel Center.

Protestant

Friday, noon, 30-minute worship service, David Grant Medical Center Chapel.

Sunday, 8 a.m., community, praise & worship service, Chapel Center.

Sunday, 10:30 a.m., community worship service, Chapel Center. Nursery class for kids 3 months to 3 years.

Sunday, 11 a.m., community Gospel service, Chapel One.

Jewish

First Fridays, 7 p.m., Sabbath service, Chapel Center.

Third Saturdays, 10 a.m., Sabbath service, Chapel Center.

Religious Education

Protestant

Sunday, 8 & 10:30 a.m., Children's Church, 4- to 8-year-olds, Chapel Center.

Sunday 9:15 to 10:20 a.m., Sunday School for ages 3 and up, Chapel Center.

Sunday, 11 a.m., Children's Church, 4- to 8-year-olds, Chapel One.

Catholic

Tuesday, 7:30 p.m., OCIA, Chapel Center

Wicca

Monday, 6:30 p.m., education classes, RE Wing, Chapel Center.

Youth Groups

Protestant

Monday, 6 to 7 p.m., "Community Teens For Christ," 12- to 18-year-olds, Chapel One annex.

Other Groups

Protestant

Second Tuesdays, 7 p.m., Community Young Adult Group, Chapel One annex.

Second Tuesdays, 7 p.m., Protestant Women of the Chapel, Chapel Center.

Third Tuesdays, 7 p.m., Protestant Men of the Chapel, Chapel One.

Fridays, 10 a.m., Protestant Women of the Chapel Bible study, Chapel One.

First Saturdays, 8 a.m., Protestant Men of the Chapel, Chapel One.

Fourth Saturdays, 6:30 p.m., Community Young Adult Group, Chaplain Sander's home on base.

Inside Out

Sundays, 6:00 p.m., rock and praise-style worship, Chapel One.

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TRAVIS COMMUNITY EVENTS

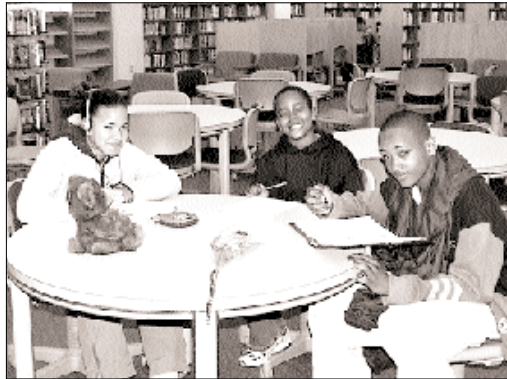
All month — ▲ See San Francisco Giant Barry Bonds make baseball history at the Delta Breeze Club and you could win a \$100 savings bond. Watch Bonds break Mark McGuire's single-season homerun record on the DBC's 12-foot TV screen. You must be present to win. Game schedule is:
Today. Los Angeles Dodgers, 7:35 p.m.

Saturday & Sunday. Los Angeles Dodgers, 1:05 p.m.
For more information, call 437-3711.

▲ Information, Tickets and Tours and the Outdoor Adventure Program are looking for volunteer van and bus drivers for day trips. Volunteer now and receive free passes to famous local attractions and events. For more information, call Georgie Ellis at 424-0970.

Saturday — ▲ Visit the Winchester Mystery House. In 1884 wealthy widow Sara L. Winchester, heiress to the Winchester repeating rifle fortune, began construction of a strangely fascinating 160-room Victorian-style mansion. The construction project lasted until her death 38 years later. The \$13 cost covers transportation only. Call 424-5659.

Thursday — ▲ The Travis Youth Center invites everyone to participate in the second annual Lights on After school rally from 5 to 7 p.m. This national event, organized by the After School Alliance, is an effort to encourage children, parents, community leaders and volunteers to show their support for after-school programs. A discussion



Teen Read Week: The Mitchell Memorial Library welcomes all teens at Travis to participate in Teen Read Week, running from Oct. 14 through 20. Just drop by the library and check out the full line of young adult titles. For more details, call Lisa Swanson at 424-5254.

group session and other activities are planned at the center. For more information, call Johnny Haynes at 424-5392.

Sunday & Oct. 13 — ▲ Join ITT on these special trips to Santa Cruz Beach boardwalk.

Sunday — The sky lights up over the boardwalk as the city of Santa Cruz celebrates its birthday. The spectacular fire works show starts at 8 p.m.

Oct. 13 — See classic cars during the Hot Rods at the Beach event to benefit the Santa Cruz City Police Officers' Association. Both trips have a \$15 transportation fee. Call 424-5240.

Oct. 14 — ▲ When it comes to exciting casino action, Boomtown is the place to be.

The newly remodeled casino floor is home to favorite slots, card games and more. Enjoy a meal in one of the casino's four dining places. The entire family can go a little wild at the family fun center which features a 3-D motion theater, antique carousel, nine-hole indoor miniature golf course, covered wagon Ferris wheel, plus more than 150 video and redemption games. The \$15 cost covers transportation only. Call 424-5659.

Oct. 15 — ▲ Beginning Oct. 15, fees for the Travis Family Camp are changing. Daily site fees for recreational vehicles will be \$13 and \$5 for tents and dry camping. For more information, call Mary Cummins at 424-3583.

Travis Scouts

The Travis Boy and Girl Scout program currently has openings for youngsters (grades 1st through 12th) and adult leaders. For more info, contact Karey Thompson at 421-1832 or Scott Stewart at 437-3940.

HAWC programs

The Health and Wellness Center is currently seeking partnership with the squadrons to maximize its effectiveness. Wellness is an accumulation of good choices leading to optimal health and quality of life, a way of life aimed at reducing risks. Lifestyle choices made can literally

determine both quality and length of life. Health and wellness treatment does not belong solely to the H.A.W.C., however. Wellness components are physical, social, mental and spiritual. Travis Integrated Delivery System also places emphasis on the broad value of strengthening connections — taking responsibility for each other. Collaboration increases the effectiveness of all units/agencies and can create an environment that supports healthy behavior. Since the unit is where members spend the majority of their duty time, the HAWC is looking for people interested in being squadron health promotion

liaisons and igniting a community approach to health and base welfare. Squadrons interested in promoting such things as smoking cessation, fitness, stress management and wellness within the unit, should call us 424-HAWC (424-4292).

Women's group

The Family Advocacy Program is home to the Travis Women's Group. This program teaches skills to reduce violence, make positive decisions, and make positive life choices. This group meets on Wednesdays from 3 to 4:30 p.m. at David Grant Medical Center. To register, call 423-5168.

FSC EVENTS

October 11

▼ **Resume writing workshop** from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Family Support Center. Call 424-2486.

▼ **WIC** representatives will be at the FSC from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. by appointment only. Call 435-2200.

▼ **Budgeting and credit class** from 9 to 11 a.m. at the FSC. Call 424-2486.

▼ **Employment Interviewing Skills I** at the FSC from 8 a.m. to noon. Learn successful interviewing techniques, how to answer difficult questions and more. Second session will be from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Oct. 18. Call 424-2486.

October 15

▼ **Spouse employment orientation**, 9 a.m. to noon for newly arrived spouses. Learn about employment and career development programs at the FSC. Bolt Staffing Services of Fairfield will be available for current local job opportunities following the orientation. Call 424-2486.

October 16

▼ **Ultimate job search** at the FSC from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Attend this intensive one-day **job search workshop** which includes skills and self-assessments, job search techniques and more. Call 424-2486.

October 17

▼ **WIC** representatives will be at the FSC from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. by appointment only. Call 435-2200.

▼ **Uniformed Services Thrift Savings Plan** briefing from 9 to 10 a.m. Learn about this new savings and investment retirement plan that all military personnel can sign up for between Oct. 8 and Dec. 9.

October 18

▼ **Employment Interviewing Skills II** at the FSC 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. This second session includes role play, and videotaping of mock interviews, the best teacher. Call 424-2486.

▼ **WIC** representatives will be at the FSC from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. by appointment only. Call 435-2200.

▼ **Car buying seminar** from 9 to 11 a.m. at the FSC. Call 424-2486.

▼ **Sponsorship training** from 9 to 10 a.m. at the FSC. Call 424-2486.

Forty-two Travis captains selected for major

Tailwind Staff

The Air Force announced Tuesday that 42 Travis officers were among the more than 2,100 selected force-wide for promotion in the officer boards conducted at the Air Force Personnel Center June 18.

The officers selected for promotion will host a celebration at the Delta Breeze Club at 4 p.m. today. All base personnel are invited to attend.

Maj. Roger Spondike of the 60th Medical Group was one of 36 medical service corps officers in the Air Force selected for promotion to lieutenant colonel. The board considered 165 majors.

The following Travis captains were among the 2,065 out of 2,815 selected for promotion to major in the line, judge advocate general, chaplain, medical service and nurse corps:

Name	Unit
Richard Bairrett	22nd Airlift Squadron
Douglas Beck	21st AS
Harold Bennett	21st AS
Brian Bennett	6th Air Refueling Squadron
Richard Bungarden	9th ARS
Deborah Carlton	60th Medical Support Squadron
Deona Eickhoff	60th Medical Operations Squadron
James Etheridge	22nd AS
Mark Fitzgerald	60th Operations Support Squadron
Amy Forrester	60th Surgical Operations Squadron
Darin Gunnink	60th MDOS
Julie Hanson	60th MDOS
Lucia James	60th Diagnostics and Therapeutics Squadron
Thomas Jasin	60th MSGS
Gwendolyn Johnson	60th MDOS
Teresa Jones	60th Medical Group
Bonny Karr	60th MDOS
Jason Kiefert	22nd AS
Edward Lambrecht	60th OSS
Eric Lohmann	615th Air Mobility Operations Squadron
Thomas Loper	21st AS
Jeffrey McCleery	6th ARS
John Millard	6th ARS
Matthew Perkins	9th ARS
Todd Risk	615th Air Mobility Operations Group
Steven Schultz	9th ARS
Sharon Scott	60th MDOS
James Shaw	9th ARS
Wendy Sherman	60th MDG
Alexander Smith	615th AMOS
Kelly Smith	9th ARS
Scott Smith	6th ARS
Mickey Tate	21st AS
Timothy Tonn	22nd AS
Steven Treadwell	9th ARS
Andrew Wallace	21st AS
Preston Williamson	60th Operations Group
Jeffrey Witkop	6th ARS
Kurt Wolery	6th ARS
Michael Wood	60th OSS
Daniel Zdroik	21st AS
Delia Zorilla	60th MSGS

The entire list of officers promoted during the June 18 board is posted on the AFPC Web page at www.afpc.randolph.af.mil.

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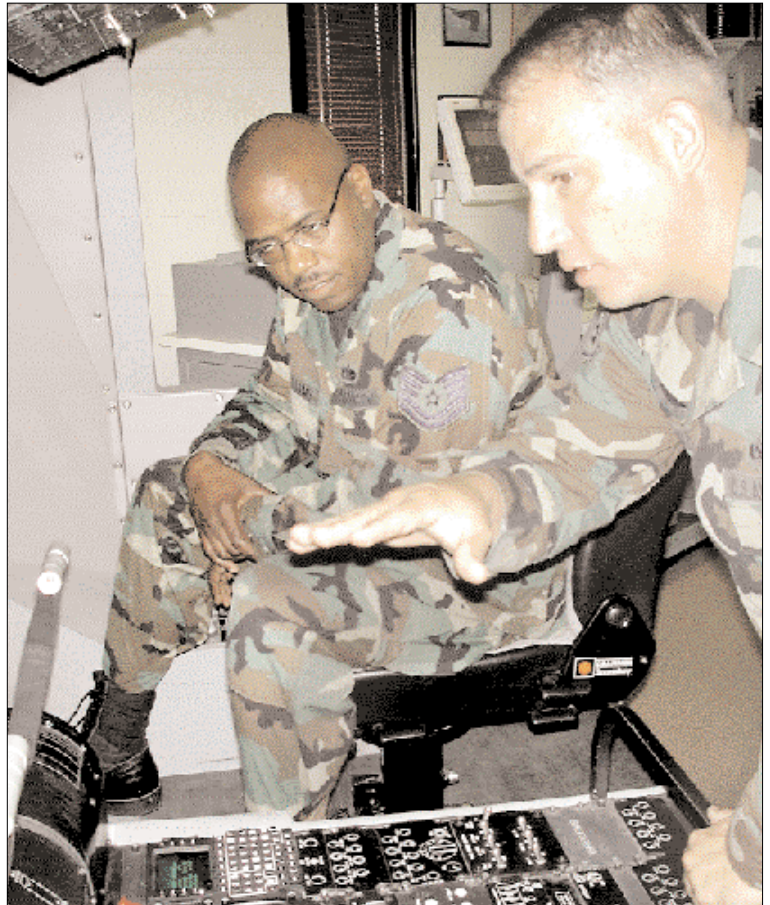
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Students learn... on the JOB

SSgt. Mike Terwilliger, communication and navigation instructor with Detachment 14, teaches TSgt. Adrian Williams, a Reservist with the 349th Air Mobility Wing, the ins-and-out of troubleshooting several communication and navigation systems on the C-5 Fuel Savings Advisory Systems Inertial Navigation System Trainer. Students from Det. 14 are putting their skills to use at Travis during Operation Enduring Freedom.



School house teaches its students while helping Travis accomplish its mission

By 1st Lt. Kim Garbett
60th ANMWP Public Affairs

It takes experience and knowledge. It takes confidence and competence. It takes hundreds of training hours and learning on the fly. It takes burning in the heat and freezing in the cold on flight lines around the world to find out what's wrong and to troubleshoot it. It takes knowing what wire needs to be replaced and where if the enemy is right around the corner and you're hard broke behind his lines.

Massive amounts of steel, wires, lights and other heavy material take to the skies of Northern California from Travis every day to various parts of the world, more so now following the of recent terrorist attacks on the United States. The threat in some of the areas military personnel and aircraft are headed toward is very real.

A number of 60th Logistics Group aircraft maintainers trained at programs the 373rd Training Squadron offered by Detachment 14's schoolhouse are currently deployed somewhere in the world using their knowledge and skills to support Operation Enduring Freedom, President Bush and the international coal-

tion's campaign against terrorism.

It isn't an easy job to put heavy airframes like the C-5 and KC-10 into the wild blue yonder. Schoolhouses like the 373rd TS's Det. 14, however, give aircraft maintainers both young and old the experience and in-depth, hands-on knowledge they need to get Air Mobility Command and Travis' planes fixed, out of harms' way and back to home-base from downrange.

Det. 14's mission focuses on providing a controlled learning environment for various levels of aircraft maintenance proficiency and advanced theory and trouble-shooting techniques, said Capt. Jeff Roberts, Det. 14's commander. "It's an environment where the aircraft maintainers aren't being rushed by the consistently high operations tempo here out on the flight line and where they can dig deeper into the theory as well as ask the questions they need to in order to successfully and quickly trouble-shoot a maintenance problem on an aircraft."

The Air Education and Training Command detachment, which has called Travis home since 1963, offers more than 70 aircraft maintenance courses a year, taught by the cadre of approximately 30 instructors hand-selected for

these positions, said TSgt. Jeff Fisher, a C-5 crew chief instructor.

Det. 14 trains more than 1,000 students a year and supports five major commands, with courses ranging from three days to eight weeks. Some of the students coming through the courses include crew chiefs, hydraulic troops, propulsion specialists, guidance and control specialists, fuels personnel, aerospace ground equipment troops and communication and navigation specialists, Fisher explained. A cross-section of these troops have been deployed in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

Since the terrorist attacks on the East Coast Sept. 11, Det. 14 has been busy not only with schoolhouse training but with working "12s" with the guys on the line and augmenting the need for qualified and experienced maintainers. "If I can't deploy with the aircraft and crews like I normally would if I were a flight line asset (versus an instructor), then I'd much rather be working 12-hour shifts with the guys on the line to help support our current mission," Fisher said. "Even though the flight line is missing the aircraft deployed for Enduring Freedom, we still have a good number of other transient aircraft we need to take care of.

Travis' op tempo hasn't slowed at all; we're still extremely busy."

The detachment, an advanced specialty technical school, offers courses that award air force specialty code certification for aircraft maintainers. Most courses offered provide Community College of the Air Force credit, Roberts mentioned.

"School training provides the basis and basics of what you need to know to fix an aircraft," said SSgt. Mike Terwilliger, a communications and navigations instructor. "The best way to make these planes fly better is through training, which isn't always possible out on the line when you're reacting to the next mechanical problem on your hands. Book knowledge, theory, hands-on experience and real-world stories are shared so that our students are better qualified to handle almost any mechanical difficulty they could encounter on these aircraft anywhere in the world.

"It's great to see a student's face light up with understanding when they recognize what you're teaching them and hoping they can pass that knowledge on to someone else as well."



(Top). The C-5s remain fully mission capable due to the hard work and dedication of all involved in the maintenance effort. Det. 14 turns out more than 1,000 student per year. Without well trained maintainers, the C-5s and KC- 10s assigned to Travis would never make it off the ground. *(Left),* TSgt. Jeff Fisher, a C-5 crew chief instructor, teaches the students the workings of the C-5 main landing gear, a critical component to safe operations. *(Above),* Fisher demonstrates the proper inspection technique for the C-5 main landing gear strut on a trainer. The school house is able to teach not only the basics, but also advance courses in theory, troubleshooting and hands-on applications. Det. 14's instructors also have been assisting with the maintenance efforts during Operation Enduring Freedom.

Photos by 1st Lt. Kim Garbett / 60th AMW Public Affairs